

House Resolution No. 718

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished herself as a leader of her community; and

Whereas, Sheila Upchurch of Marble Hill, Missouri, has been selected to receive the prestigious 2001-2002 Lieutenant Governor's Service Award during an appropriate ceremony on March 13, 2002; and

Whereas, Sheila Upchurch is one of only a handful of participants who will be recognized for their significant contributions of service to their local community with awards in each age category as fellow citizens, young and old, gather at the statehouse to support their work and praise their achievements; and

Whereas, nominees for the 2001-2002 Lieutenant Governor's Service Awards must be active members of their community and participants or members of national service programs such as AmeriCorps, Senior Corps/VISTA, and Learn & Serve American; and

Whereas, Sheila Upchurch is a member of LIFT-Missouri AmeriCorps VISTA at Bollinger County Library in Marble Hill where she works to increase the literacy skills of individuals in her region so that they might reach their personal and economic potential; and

Whereas, Sheila spends a great deal of time working with students of all ages, collaborating with school counselors at Woodland Elementary and Middle Schools to tutor ten at-risk children on a weekly basis, and combating the significant drop-out rate in Bollinger County by working with the Adult Basic Education Program; and

Whereas, a born volunteer, Sheila Upchurch coordinates outreach programs for local Head Starts, preschools, and the Bollinger County Library, and spends time promoting the Corporation for National and Community Service to the local community by giving speeches and programs about her VISTA service:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Sheila Upchurch at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best as she continues to serve as an inspiration to others through service learning and service to her community; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Sheila Upchurch.

Offered by _____
Representative Rod Jetton
District No. 156

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 718, adopted March 12, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

